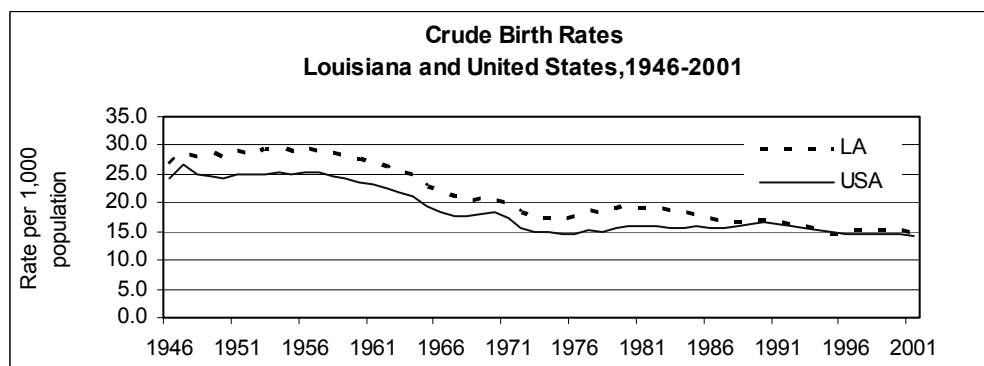




B. BIRTHS

Live Birth Counts and Birth Rates

In the year 2001, there were 65,193 births to Louisiana residents. This marked a 3.9 percent decrease from the number of Louisiana births in the previous year, and was more than the 0.6 percent decrease observed in the United States as a whole, from 2000 to 2001. Louisiana's 2001 crude birth rate was 14.6 live births per 1,000 population. Because the crude birth rate relates the number of live births to the total population in an area, without regard to the age or sex distribution of the population, it is useful as a measure of the contribution of births to the growth of the population of the area.¹ Louisiana's crude birth rate also dropped by approximately four percentage points from 15.2 per 1,000 population in 2000 to 14.6 per 1,000 population in 2001.



Source: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics
National Center for Health Statistics, Revised Birth and Fertility rates for the United States, 2000 and 2001

In the table below, Louisiana's crude birth rates are furnished to compare to the rates of its four neighboring states. Louisiana continues to rank relatively high in terms of birth rate as its 2001 ranking of 14th highest in the nation was only one rank lower than its 2000 ranking of 13. Among neighboring states, Louisiana's birth rate is the third highest.

Crude Birth Rates Louisiana, Neighboring States, and United States, 2001		
State	Birth Rate*	National Ranking
Alabama	13.7	30
Arkansas	14.3	20
Louisiana	14.9	14
Mississippi	15.1	11
Texas	17.6	2
United States	14.5	-

*Rate per 1,000 population

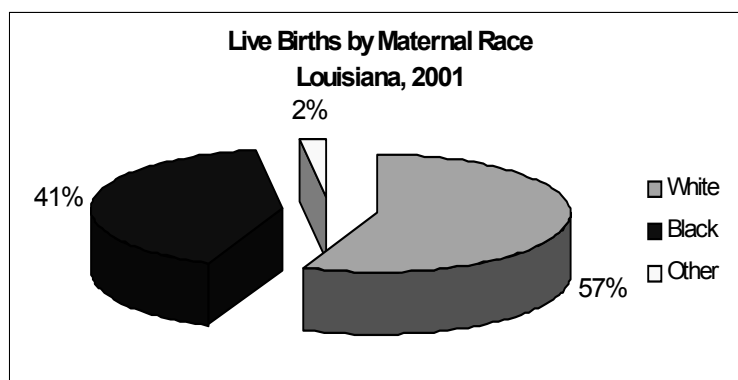
Source: National Center for Health Statistics, Final Data, 2001. Denominators for population based rates are derived from 1990 Census. As a result rates are probably larger than they would be if 2000 census data were used.

¹ Clarke SC and Ventura SJ. *Birth and Fertility for States: United States, 1990*. National Center for Health Statistics. Vital Health Statistics 21(52), 1994.

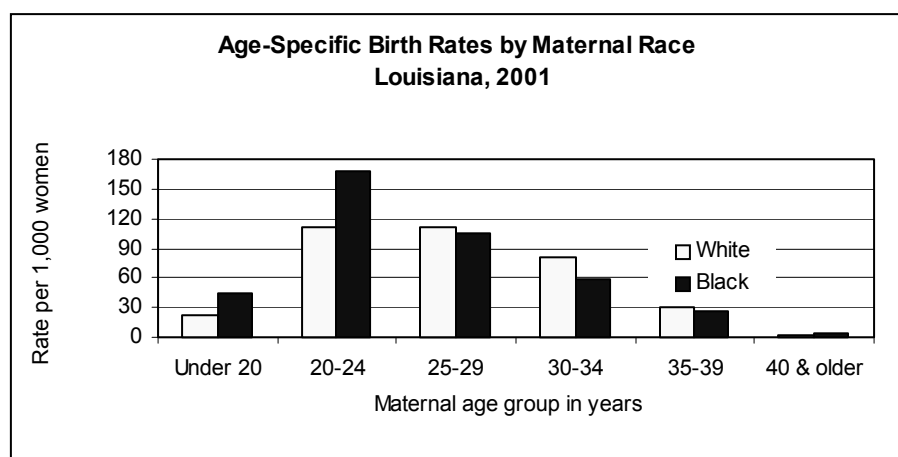


Although black women aged 15 to 44 years represent only 35 percent of the population of Louisiana, 41.4 percent of the state's live births in the year 2001 were to black mothers. The birth rate for whites is 12.9 per 1,000 population, while that of blacks is 18.6 per 1,000 population. In 2001, much of the racial disparity seems to have occurred among mothers aged 20 to 24 years. Although birth rates for both racial groups peaked in the 20 to 29 year age groups, the birth rate for blacks was higher for mothers less than 25 years old than for whites of comparable age. Beginning at age 25, birth rates became more similar.

There is also disparity among parishes in terms of birth rate. As in the previous year, Vernon Parish had the highest birth rate at 18.9 births per 1,000 population in the year 2001. Similarly, West Feliciana had the lowest birth rate at 7.9 births per 1,000 population in the year 2001.



Source: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics

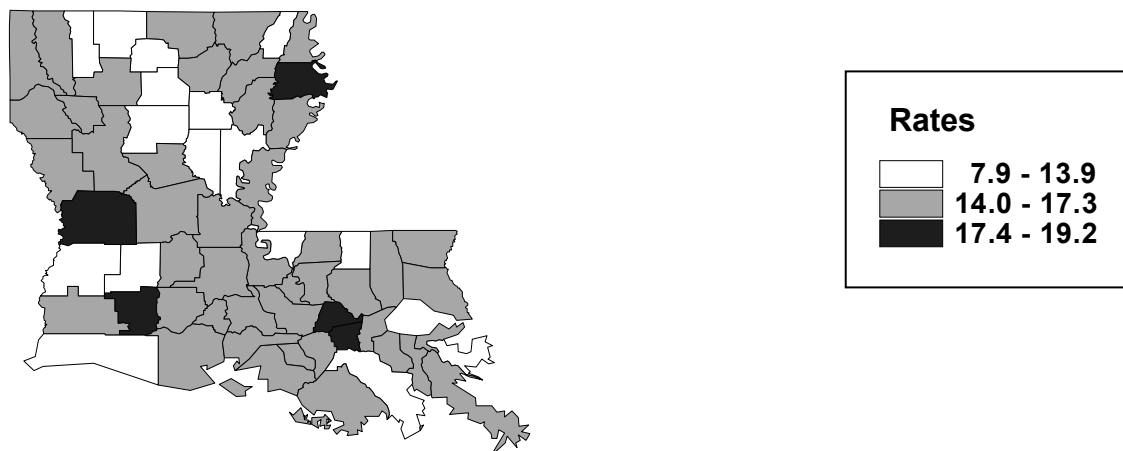


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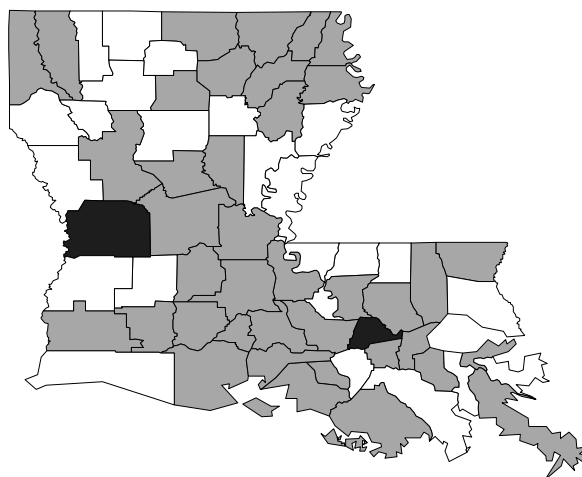


Live Birth Rate Per 1,000 Population Louisiana, 2000-2001

YEAR 2000



YEAR 2001





Live Births By Race, Age of Mother, Parish of Occurrence, and Parish of Residence Louisiana, 2001													
Parish	Total by Occurrence	Total by Residence	Rate⁺	Race	Age in years								Unk.
					< 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 +	
STATE	65621	65193	14.6	ALL	220	10297	21242	16132	11365	4917	968	46	6
	37284	36740		WHITE	35	4204	10454	10159	7916	3315	618	35	****
	26854	26988		BLACK	182	5949	10438	5519	3088	1480	319	11	****
	1483	1465		OTHER	****	144	350	454	361	122	31	0	0
ACADIA	549	905	15.4	ALL	****	179	313	227	127	49	5	****	0
	396	692		WHITE	****	114	230	193	106	42	****	****	0
	153	212		BLACK	****	65	83	33	21	7	****	0	0
	0	****		OTHER	0	0	0	****	0	0	0	0	0
ALLEN	****	335	13.2	ALL	****	49	127	86	49	18	****	****	0
	****	250		WHITE	****	33	92	67	37	15	****	****	0
	****	78		BLACK	0	14	33	18	10	****	0	0	0
	0	7		OTHER	0	****	****	****	****	0	0	0	0
ASCENSION	5	1360	17.4	ALL	****	164	360	396	327	94	17	0	0
	0	1014		WHITE	****	91	228	323	283	75	13	0	0
	5	330		BLACK	****	72	128	69	39	17	****	0	0
	0	16		OTHER	0	****	****	****	5	****	0	0	0
ASSUMPTION	****	305	13.1	ALL	****	54	93	83	58	9	7	0	0
	0	172		WHITE	0	24	38	54	45	7	****	0	0
	****	133		BLACK	****	30	55	29	13	****	****	0	0
	0	0		OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AVOYELLES	****	605	14.6	ALL	****	129	199	165	79	26	6	0	0
	****	379		WHITE	0	65	118	117	58	18	****	0	0
	****	206		BLACK	****	58	73	45	18	8	****	0	0
	0	20		OTHER	0	6	8	****	****	0	0	0	0
BEAUREGARD	389	404	12.3	ALL	****	77	142	90	61	23	9	0	0
	322	331		WHITE	0	59	115	83	51	15	8	0	0
	59	67		BLACK	****	18	26	7	9	5	****	0	0
	8	6		OTHER	****	0	****	0	****	****	0	0	0
BIENVILLE	0	184	11.8	ALL	****	38	66	35	30	12	****	0	0
	0	106		WHITE	0	21	36	26	17	5	****	0	0
	0	78		BLACK	****	17	30	9	13	7	****	0	0
	0	0		OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BOSSIER	683	1501	15.1	ALL	5	206	485	423	268	96	17	0	****
	544	1074		WHITE	0	117	329	332	207	76	12	0	****
	125	391		BLACK	5	87	151	80	46	17	5	0	0
	14	36		OTHER	0	****	5	11	15	****	0	0	0
CADD0	5896	3706	14.7	ALL	20	638	1323	865	582	229	48	****	0
	2971	1563		WHITE	****	166	493	430	328	120	24	0	0
	2830	2100		BLACK	18	469	819	427	238	105	23	****	0
	95	43		OTHER	0	****	11	8	16	****	****	0	0
CALCASIEU	3286	2708	14.7	ALL	****	452	951	711	383	169	37	****	0
	2358	1856		WHITE	****	258	617	533	285	133	28	****	0
	898	824		BLACK	****	194	329	165	90	34	9	0	0
	30	28		OTHER	0	0	5	13	8	****	0	0	0



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Parish	Total by Occurrence	Total by Residence	Rate ⁺	Race	Age in years									
					< 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 +	Unk.	
CALDWELL	0	127	12.1	ALL	0	18	54	34	16	****	****	0	0	
	0	107		WHITE	0	13	45	30	16	****	****	0	0	
	0	17		BLACK	0	5	8	****	0	****	0	0	0	
	0	****		OTHER	0	0	****	****	0	0	****	0	0	
CAMERON	0	105	10.6	ALL	0	12	30	35	16	9	****	0	0	
	0	104		WHITE	0	12	29	35	16	9	****	0	0	
	0	****		BLACK	0	0	****	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	0	0		OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
CATAHOULA	0	125	11.9	ALL	****	22	56	26	12	6	****	0	0	
	0	76		WHITE	0	8	35	20	7	5	****	0	0	
	0	49		BLACK	****	14	21	6	5	****	****	0	0	
	0	0		OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
CLAIBORNE	56	164	9.9	ALL	****	34	56	42	20	6	****	0	****	
	20	86		WHITE	0	13	28	28	14	****	0	0	0	
	35	77		BLACK	****	21	27	14	6	****	****	0	****	
	****	****		OTHER	0	0	****	0	0	0	0	0	0	
CONCORDIA	324	268	13.5	ALL	****	45	109	57	39	13	****	0	0	
	75	121		WHITE	0	6	45	32	27	10	****	0	0	
	245	142		BLACK	****	39	62	23	11	****	****	0	0	
	****	5		OTHER	0	0	****	****	****	0	0	0	0	
DESOTO	****	349	13.7	ALL	0	61	118	88	55	21	6	0	0	
	0	184		WHITE	0	27	59	49	32	14	****	0	0	
	****	163		BLACK	0	34	58	38	23	7	****	0	0	
	0	****		OTHER	0	0	****	****	0	0	0	0	0	
E BATON ROUGE	9955	5974	14.4	ALL	20	830	1760	1488	1207	554	111	****	0	
	5706	2624		WHITE	****	185	555	718	753	337	73	****	0	
	4056	3191		BLACK	19	641	1180	709	406	197	37	****	0	
	193	159		OTHER	0	****	25	61	48	20	****	0	0	
EAST CARROLL	****	146	15.8	ALL	****	26	65	28	13	8	****	****	0	
	0	27		WHITE	0	****	13	5	****	****	0	0	0	
	****	119		BLACK	****	22	52	23	9	7	****	****	0	
	0	0		OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
E FELICIANA	****	281	13.1	ALL	****	58	99	55	47	17	****	0	0	
	****	142		WHITE	0	23	43	35	28	13	0	0	0	
	0	137		BLACK	****	35	56	19	18	****	****	0	0	
	****	****		OTHER	0	0	0	****	****	0	0	0	0	
EVANGELINE	578	497	14.0	ALL	****	91	175	111	86	26	5	****	0	
	316	309		WHITE	****	43	112	77	62	10	****	****	0	
	253	181		BLACK	****	47	60	34	24	13	****	0	0	
	9	7		OTHER	0	****	****	0	0	****	0	0	0	
FRANKLIN	8	327	15.6	ALL	****	76	124	69	39	15	****	0	0	
	6	160		WHITE	0	31	55	43	20	11	0	0	0	
	****	167		BLACK	****	45	69	26	19	****	****	0	0	
	0	0		OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	



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					< 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 +	Unk.	
GRANT	0	261	14.0	ALL	****	46	88	67	37	19	****	0	0	
	0	225		WHITE	0	37	71	61	34	19	****	0	0	
	0	34		BLACK	****	9	17	5	****	0	0	0	0	
	0	****		OTHER	0	0	0	****	****	0	0	0	0	
IBERIA	1116	1165	15.9	ALL	7	223	403	266	160	87	17	****	0	
	570	647		WHITE	****	98	206	167	106	55	12	****	0	
	501	479		BLACK	6	118	189	87	45	29	5	0	0	
	45	39		OTHER	0	7	8	12	9	****	0	0	0	
IBERVILLE	454	511	15.4	ALL	****	104	159	127	80	30	9	0	****	
	70	215		WHITE	0	28	67	59	45	12	****	0	0	
	383	294		BLACK	****	76	92	67	34	18	5	0	****	
	****	****		OTHER	0	0	0	****	****	0	0	0	0	
JACKSON	0	223	14.7	ALL	****	42	83	62	23	10	****	0	0	
	0	148		WHITE	0	24	60	43	15	5	****	0	0	
	0	74		BLACK	****	18	22	19	8	5	****	0	0	
	0	****		OTHER	0	0	****	0	0	0	0	0	0	
JEFFERSON	7846	6267	13.8	ALL	16	809	1696	1630	1358	624	126	8	0	
	4887	3727		WHITE	7	330	859	1011	964	470	79	7	0	
	2605	2213		BLACK	8	461	773	514	298	125	33	****	0	
	354	327		OTHER	****	18	64	105	96	29	14	0	0	
JEFF DAVIS	288	452	14.5	ALL	0	80	173	98	66	32	****	0	-	
	245	359		WHITE	0	54	139	81	55	27	****	0	-	
	41	91		BLACK	0	26	32	17	11	5	0	0	-	
	****	****		OTHER	0	0	****	0	0	0	0	0	-	
LAFAYETTE	5062	2860	15.0	ALL	7	382	794	754	609	268	42	****	0	
	3454	1896		WHITE	****	178	449	546	484	200	34	****	0	
	1519	908		BLACK	6	202	335	181	112	64	8	0	0	
	89	56		OTHER	0	****	10	27	13	****	0	0	0	
LAFOURCHE	868	1130	12.5	ALL	****	164	363	294	209	90	8	0	0	
	755	852		WHITE	****	95	262	240	176	73	5	0	0	
	98	246		BLACK	****	62	90	48	27	15	****	0	0	
	15	32		OTHER	0	7	11	6	6	****	0	0	0	
LASALLE	****	200	14.1	ALL	0	41	74	41	33	9	****	0	0	
	****	181		WHITE	0	38	67	36	31	8	****	0	0	
	0	19		BLACK	0	****	7	5	****	****	****	0	0	
	0	0		OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
LINCOLN	669	543	12.8	ALL	****	77	200	141	83	33	6	0	0	
	342	291		WHITE	0	24	99	87	57	19	5	0	0	
	324	243		BLACK	****	53	100	49	24	13	****	0	0	
	****	9		OTHER	0	0	****	5	****	****	0	0	0	
LIVINGSTON	0	1474	15.6	ALL	****	184	485	420	259	105	18	****	0	
	0	1390		WHITE	****	171	448	407	246	99	16	****	0	
	0	78		BLACK	0	13	37	11	10	5	****	0	0	
	0	6		OTHER	0	0	0	****	****	****	0	0	0	



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MADISON	****	215	15.8	ALL	0	39	93	49	19	13	****	0	0	
	0	54		WHITE	0	****	22	21	7	****	0	0	0	
	****	161		BLACK	0	38	71	28	12	10	****	0	0	
	0	0		OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MOREHOUSE	398	463	15.2	ALL	****	97	179	111	50	19	****	0	0	
	254	210		WHITE	0	28	86	58	27	9	****	0	0	
	143	251		BLACK	****	69	93	52	22	10	****	0	0	
	****	****		OTHER	0	0	0	****	****	0	0	0	0	
NATCHITOCHES	606	590	15.0	ALL	5	134	207	141	68	28	6	****	0	
	247	266		WHITE	****	45	87	75	37	17	****	****	0	
	351	316		BLACK	****	85	119	63	31	11	****	0	0	
	8	8		OTHER	0	****	****	****	0	0	0	0	0	
ORLEANS	8505	7233	15.1	ALL	41	1258	2361	1630	1165	624	147	7	0	
	2203	1327		WHITE	****	56	179	296	467	251	71	****	0	
	6090	5740		BLACK	38	1193	2155	1277	649	356	69	****	0	
	212	166		OTHER	0	9	27	57	49	17	7	0	0	
OUACHITA	3664	2228	15.2	ALL	10	363	747	553	388	138	26	****	****	
	2106	1231		WHITE	0	146	353	345	271	96	17	****	****	
	1529	981		BLACK	10	217	389	199	115	42	9	0	0	
	29	16		OTHER	0	0	5	9	****	0	0	0	0	
PLAQUEMINES	****	398	14.7	ALL	****	53	130	96	84	31	****	0	0	
	0	261		WHITE	0	29	77	67	68	17	****	0	0	
	****	109		BLACK	****	19	49	20	11	9	0	0	0	
	0	28		OTHER	0	5	****	9	5	5	0	0	0	
POINTE COUPEE	0	317	14.0	ALL	****	53	103	88	49	19	****	0	0	
	0	152		WHITE	0	15	44	49	31	11	****	0	0	
	0	164		BLACK	****	38	59	38	18	8	****	0	0	
	0	****		OTHER	0	0	0	****	0	0	0	0	0	
RAPIDES	3140	1884	14.9	ALL	5	329	678	472	280	103	17	0	0	
	2080	1108		WHITE	0	162	346	319	200	68	13	0	0	
	1003	745		BLACK	5	165	322	147	69	33	****	0	0	
	57	31		OTHER	0	****	10	6	11	****	0	0	0	
RED RIVER	****	132	13.8	ALL	0	23	60	25	17	5	****	0	0	
	0	53		WHITE	0	8	22	11	10	****	0	0	0	
	****	79		BLACK	0	15	38	14	7	****	****	0	0	
	0	0		OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
RICHLAND	****	300	14.4	ALL	****	50	109	79	43	17	****	0	0	
	****	152		WHITE	0	13	45	53	32	9	0	0	0	
	0	146		BLACK	****	37	63	25	11	8	****	0	0	
	0	****		OTHER	0	0	****	****	0	0	0	0	0	
SABINE	0	299	12.7	ALL	****	62	115	66	36	14	****	0	0	
	0	213		WHITE	0	44	78	53	27	9	****	0	0	
	0	64		BLACK	****	16	26	7	7	****	****	0	0	
	0	22		OTHER	0	****	11	6	****	****	0	0	0	



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					< 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 +	Unk.	
ST BERNARD	****	855	12.9	ALL	0	124	292	209	154	69	6	****	0	
	****	740		WHITE	0	100	250	181	141	62	5	****	0	
	0	92		BLACK	0	20	38	20	8	5	****	0	0	
	0	23		OTHER	0	****	****	8	5	****	0	0	0	
ST CHARLES	****	681	14.1	ALL	****	93	189	154	165	69	8	0	0	
	0	444		WHITE	0	39	89	114	136	60	6	0	0	
	****	232		BLACK	****	54	96	39	29	9	****	0	0	
	0	5		OTHER	0	0	****	****	0	0	0	0	0	
ST HELENA	****	126	11.9	ALL	0	20	53	22	17	13	****	0	0	
	****	50		WHITE	0	8	14	14	8	6	0	0	0	
	0	76		BLACK	0	12	39	8	9	7	****	0	0	
	0	0		OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
ST JAMES	****	309	14.6	ALL	****	38	115	73	62	16	****	0	0	
	****	118		WHITE	0	6	27	38	37	8	****	0	0	
	****	190		BLACK	****	32	88	34	25	8	****	0	0	
	0	****		OTHER	0	0	0	****	0	0	0	0	0	
ST JOHN	373	664	15.3	ALL	****	119	203	167	122	42	10	0	0	
	167	301		WHITE	0	34	71	101	68	24	****	0	0	
	201	354		BLACK	****	84	129	65	51	17	7	0	0	
	5	9		OTHER	0	****	****	****	****	****	0	0	0	
ST LANDRY	1421	1363	15.5	ALL	****	261	493	292	199	90	26	0	0	
	774	656		WHITE	0	92	219	184	104	41	16	0	0	
	644	704		BLACK	****	169	273	107	94	49	10	0	0	
	****	****		OTHER	0	0	****	****	****	0	0	0	0	
ST MARTIN	****	741	15.1	ALL	****	136	243	184	121	45	8	0	0	
	0	439		WHITE	****	64	131	129	80	29	5	0	0	
	****	293		BLACK	****	71	111	51	38	16	****	0	0	
	0	9		OTHER	0	****	****	****	****	0	0	0	0	
ST MARY	396	773	14.8	ALL	****	137	300	167	98	58	10	****	0	
	211	453		WHITE	****	69	155	117	70	34	7	0	0	
	173	296		BLACK	****	63	134	46	26	22	****	****	0	
	12	24		OTHER	0	5	11	****	****	****	0	0	0	
ST TAMMANY	3557	2695	13.9	ALL	****	275	600	703	689	356	65	****	****	
	2807	2265		WHITE	****	194	433	610	640	324	59	****	****	
	711	396		BLACK	****	77	156	83	45	28	5	****	0	
	39	34		OTHER	0	****	11	10	****	****	****	0	0	
TANGIPAHOA	1535	1582	15.7	ALL	9	271	587	372	232	86	24	0	****	
	900	926		WHITE	****	99	316	258	172	61	17	0	****	
	627	643		BLACK	7	171	270	110	55	24	6	0	0	
	8	13		OTHER	0	****	****	****	5	****	****	0	0	
TENSAS	0	88	13.5	ALL	****	13	44	16	9	****	****	0	0	
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	0	0		OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	



Live Births By Race, Age of Mother, Parish of Occurrence, and Parish of Residence Louisiana, 2001														
Parish	Total by Occurrence	Total by Residence	Rate*	Race	Age in years									
					< 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 +	Unk.	
TERREBONNE	2449	1694	16.1	ALL	****	281	591	395	274	127	22	0	0	
	1555	1163		WHITE	0	158	374	302	217	99	13	0	0	
	704	360		BLACK	****	77	146	68	38	22	6	0	0	
	190	171		OTHER	****	46	71	25	19	6	****	0	0	
UNION	****	333	14.6	ALL	****	55	110	85	56	22	****	0	0	
	****	228		WHITE	0	29	66	66	43	20	****	0	0	
	0	104		BLACK	****	26	44	19	12	****	0	0	0	
	0	****		OTHER	0	0	0	0	****	0	0	0	0	
VERMILION	****	815	15.2	ALL	****	106	274	208	146	63	13	****	0	
	****	643		WHITE	****	71	212	171	128	50	8	****	0	
	****	149		BLACK	****	32	58	26	14	13	****	****	0	
	0	23		OTHER	0	****	****	11	****	0	****	0	0	
VERNON	807	984	18.9	ALL	0	142	395	265	139	39	****	0	0	
	550	722		WHITE	0	111	284	200	102	23	****	0	0	
	204	209		BLACK	0	27	99	43	26	13	****	0	0	
	53	53		OTHER	0	****	12	22	11	****	****	0	0	
WASHINGTON	****	645	14.8	ALL	0	124	287	134	68	26	6	0	0	
	****	390		WHITE	0	66	157	92	48	22	5	0	0	
	****	252		BLACK	0	58	128	42	19	****	****	0	0	
	0	****		OTHER	0	0	****	0	****	0	0	0	0	
WEBSTER	700	552	13.3	ALL	****	100	197	150	71	24	9	0	0	
	380	333		WHITE	0	58	109	104	41	15	6	0	0	
	318	217		BLACK	****	42	88	45	29	9	****	0	0	
	****	****		OTHER	0	0	0	****	****	0	0	0	0	
W BATON ROUGE	****	280	12.9	ALL	****	40	82	80	51	24	****	****	0	
	0	176		WHITE	0	19	43	56	41	16	0	****	0	
	****	102		BLACK	****	21	39	23	10	7	****	0	0	
	0	****		OTHER	0	0	0	****	0	****	0	0	0	
WEST CARROLL	0	173	14.3	ALL	****	34	66	47	15	10	0	0	0	
	0	149		WHITE	****	24	55	44	15	10	0	0	0	
	0	24		BLACK	0	10	11	****	0	0	0	0	0	
	0	0		OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
W FELICIANA	0	120	7.9	ALL	0	18	36	36	23	6	****	0	0	
	0	63		WHITE	0	****	15	22	19	****	0	0	0	
	0	57		BLACK	0	15	21	14	****	****	****	0	0	
	0	0		OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
WINN	0	199	11.9	ALL	0	38	80	49	24	7	0	****	0	
	0	121		WHITE	0	20	43	35	17	5	0	****	0	
	0	77		BLACK	0	18	37	13	7	****	0	0	0	
	0	****		OTHER	0	0	0	****	0	0	0	0	0	
OUT OF STATE**	568	996		ALL	0	90	290	287	204	93	28	****	****	
	288	832		WHITE	0	74	233	243	172	83	23	****	****	
	275	141		BLACK	0	16	54	36	23	7	5	0	0	
	5	23		OTHER	0	0	****	8	9	****	0	0	0	

*Rate per 1,000 population.

*Cities included in Parish Totals.

**Not included in state totals.

****In cell refers to counts less than 5 but greater than 0.

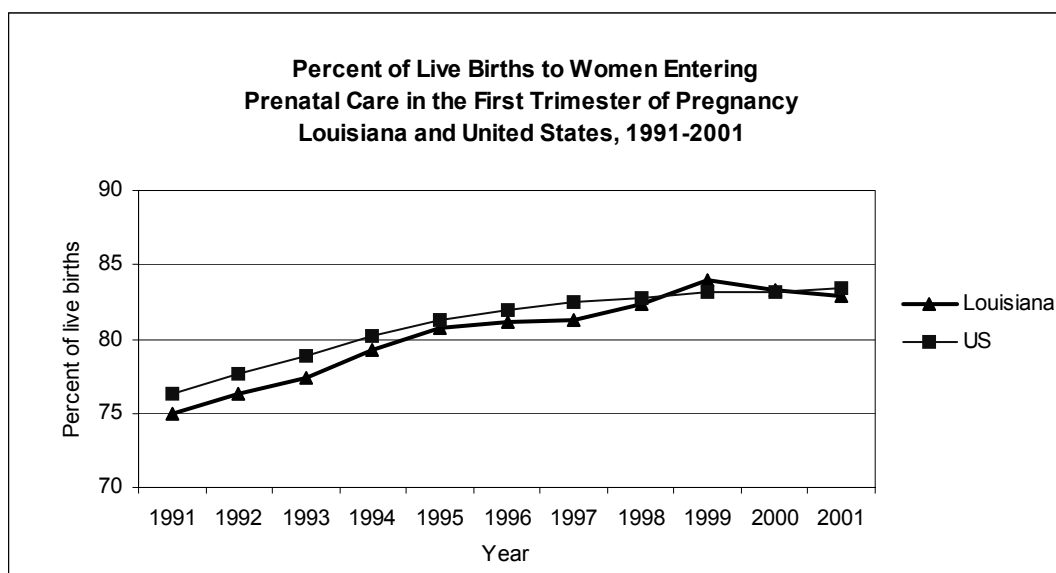
Source: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics. Denominators for population based rates are derived from the Research Division, College of Administration and Business of Louisiana Technological University.



Prenatal Care

Prenatal care is recognized as an important means of identifying women at high risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes, such as infant mortality and low birthweight, and providing appropriate medical, nutritional, and educational interventions to reduce their risk. Women in prenatal care routinely receive tests for complete blood count and blood type, diabetes, syphilis, and other conditions. Newborn children are routinely tested for errors of inborn metabolism and other problems. Although these outcomes are rare, a positive test result triggers interventions that benefit both mother and child. Screening and testing undertaken as part of prenatal care has been responsible for substantial improvements in health and well-being.² Beyond the positive effect on birth outcomes, prenatal care is a vital part of women's health care, as many women (particularly adolescents, minorities, and women of low socio-economic status) start well-being checkups only as a consequence of pregnancy.³

Prenatal care is most effective when it begins during the early stages of pregnancy. At the national level, the percentage of live births to mothers entering prenatal care in the first trimester of pregnancy has been steadily increasing. While consistently below the national percentage, Louisiana has shown similar improvement.



Source: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics.

In the following table, percentages of live births to mothers utilizing prenatal care are furnished to allow a comparison of Louisiana to its neighboring states. In the year 2001, 83.2 percent of Louisiana residents who gave birth entered prenatal care in the first trimester, as compared to 83.4 percent of mothers in the

2 Stoto et. al (1999) "Public Health Screening Programs" in: *Reducing the Odds: Preventing Perinatal Transmission of HIV in the United States* (pp.21-35) Washington, DC: National Academy Press.

3 Fiscella, K. (1995). "Does Prenatal Care Improve Birth Outcomes? A Critical Review." *Obstetrics & Gynecology* 85, 468-79.

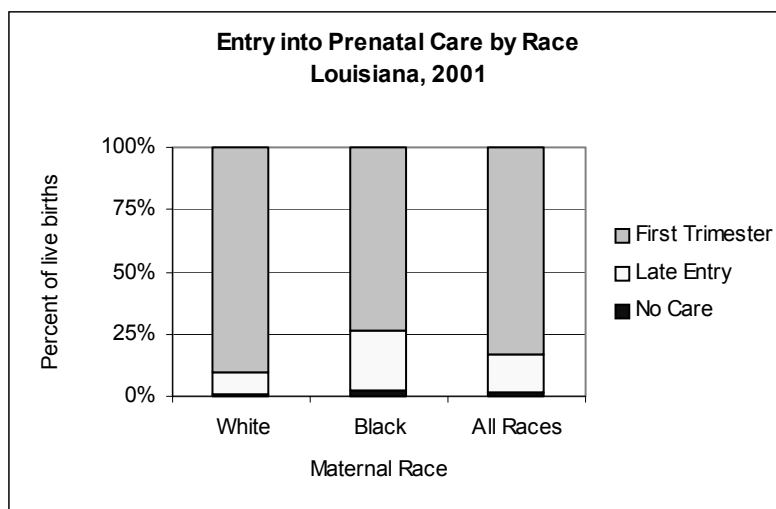


United States as a whole. Louisiana moved one place down from its 26th ranking in 2000 to the 27th position nationwide in 2001. Among neighboring states, Louisiana ranked first for the highest percent of mothers receiving prenatal care in the first trimester.

Percent of Live Births to Mothers Receiving Prenatal Care in the First Trimester of Pregnancy Louisiana, Neighboring States, and United States, 2001		
State	Percent of Mothers	National Ranking
Alabama	82.4	34
Arkansas	79.8	41
Louisiana	83.2	27
Mississippi	82.7	32
Texas	80.3	40
United States	83.4	-

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, Final Birth Data, 2001

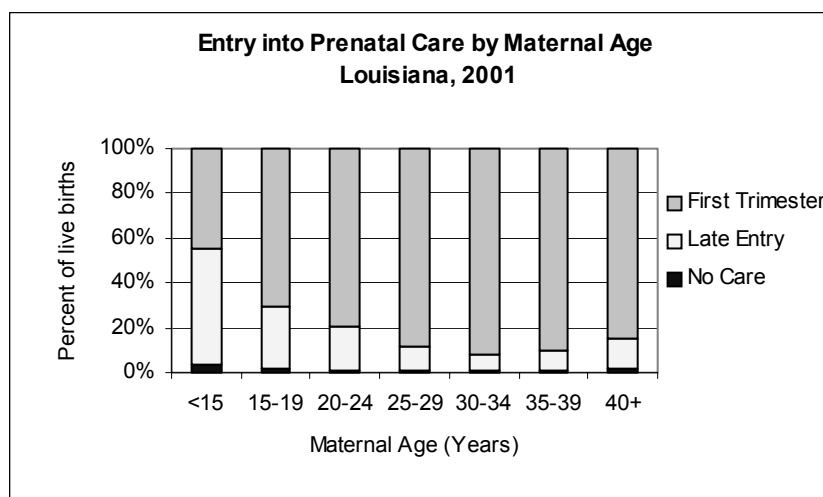
Black women in Louisiana are less likely than white women to enter prenatal care within the first trimester of their pregnancies. Only 73.4 percent of black mothers had their first prenatal visit in the first trimester, compared to 90.4 percent of white mothers. Also, 2.3 percent of black mothers received no prenatal care, as compared to 0.5 percent of white mothers.



Source: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics

Note: Late Entry: Refers to women who started prenatal care in the second trimester or later.

Approximately half (51.4 percent) of mothers under the age of 15 years started prenatal care after the first trimester of pregnancy, while 3.6 percent of women in this age group never received any prenatal care. However, entry into care improved with age before leveling off in the mid-thirties age group.



Source: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics

Note: Late Entry: Refers to women who started prenatal care in the second trimester or later

In Louisiana, adequacy of prenatal care is measured by a modified Kessner index, which defines prenatal care as adequate if the first prenatal visit occurred in the first trimester of pregnancy and if the total number of visits was appropriate to the gestational age of the baby at birth. It should be noted, however, that these measures assess neither the quality nor the content of prenatal care and, therefore, are most likely overestimates of the adequacy of care. Of the 65,193 Louisiana residents who gave birth in 2001, 77.8 percent received adequate care according to the Kessner index.

Percent of Mothers Receiving Adequate⁺ Prenatal Care by Parish Louisiana, 1997-2001					
Parish	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
State Total	75.4	76.9	77.5	78.0	77.8
Acadia	59.6	69.7	71.6	66.8	61.5
Allen	67.2	74.9	77.3	79.2	81.6
Ascension	83.0	82.7	82.8	81.9	81.8
Assumption	82.7	80.9	83.1	76.3	77.0
Avoyelles	69.7	69.7	71.8	71.3	76.3
Beauregard	70.8	70.3	81.0	80.0	77.7
Bienville	64.5	69.0	61.9	74.1	78.0
Bossier	76.3	80.8	81.4	80.5	79.8
Caddo	68.0	72.9	72.0	71.1	71.6
Calcasieu	81.6	81.6	84.1	85.3	86.5
Caldwell	79.0	78.8	79.7	85.2	86.4
Cameron	84.0	83.3	84.0	84.8	93.1
Catahoula	73.3	68.3	68.1	72.4	56.5
Claiborne	61.0	58.0	61.7	62.1	79.4
Concordia	65.7	64.1	69.7	65.0	54.5
DeSoto	68.1	76.0	70.2	68.7	73.1
East Baton Rouge	75.4	75.3	74.7	76.9	78.3
East Carroll	60.3	58.3	52.4	61.3	66.9
East Feliciana	70.8	72.6	76.7	78.8	74.0



Percent of Mothers Receiving Adequate⁺ Prenatal Care by Parish Louisiana, 1997-2001					
Parish	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
<i>Evangeline</i>	69.0	66.1	69.4	75.7	76.8
<i>Franklin</i>	70.3	66.5	71.9	67.7	60.9
<i>Grant</i>	79.5	80.0	83.9	80.3	83.0
<i>Iberia</i>	61.1	57.5	62.6	65.2	57.3
<i>Iberville</i>	78.1	73.2	72.9	65.8	70.3
<i>Jackson</i>	57.8	58.3	65.6	74.6	71.6
<i>Jefferson</i>	83.6	82.2	81.7	78.9	77.6
<i>Jefferson Davis</i>	62.6	60.1	61.5	63.7	69.0
<i>Lafayette</i>	80.3	85.1	87.8	88.7	87.2
<i>Lafourche</i>	78.2	84.5	83.0	84.1	83.9
<i>LaSalle</i>	71.1	80.1	75.8	83.2	83.8
<i>Lincoln</i>	49.2	48.3	54.3	61.6	69.7
<i>Livingston</i>	85.2	84.5	87.5	84.6	88.9
<i>Madison</i>	55.5	59.4	67.5	64.3	71.3
<i>Morehouse</i>	49.8	49.2	53.8	75.1	73.5
<i>Natchitoches</i>	68.9	75.5	69.8	72.2	75.4
<i>Orleans</i>	74.7	76.1	76.6	76.2	76.9
<i>Ouachita</i>	77.1	79.8	78.1	81.7	82.1
<i>Plaquemines</i>	74.8	77.9	82.4	82.8	78.6
<i>Pointe Coupee</i>	75.9	75.5	76.8	74.7	69.6
<i>Rapides</i>	74.5	75.5	75.8	78.2	79.4
<i>Red River</i>	64.7	71.3	66.9	71.9	61.4
<i>Richland</i>	72.8	78.8	76.8	81.3	82.3
<i>Sabine</i>	73.1	76.8	76.3	71.3	81.6
<i>St. Bernard</i>	89.9	88.4	85.0	83.1	82.1
<i>St. Charles</i>	82.6	83.6	76.1	77.6	75.7
<i>St. Helena</i>	86.9	88.6	89.4	85.6	82.5
<i>St. James</i>	63.3	68.9	68.9	66.0	67.3
<i>St. John</i>	65.1	64.6	68.7	63.0	64.6
<i>St. Landry</i>	63.6	66.0	67.6	70.9	68.0
<i>St. Martin</i>	73.2	77.6	79.1	81.4	80.6
<i>St. Mary</i>	75.7	79.0	78.2	79.1	69.0
<i>St. Tammany</i>	85.8	85.7	84.2	85.3	84.8
<i>Tangipahoa</i>	87.5	90.9	91.8	89.7	81.4
<i>Tensas</i>	60.7	50.5	63.5	60.0	49.4
<i>Terrebonne</i>	73.4	79.8	78.5	79.9	78.7
<i>Union</i>	66.7	66.2	65.5	70.6	71.5
<i>Vermilion</i>	84.0	83.7	85.1	87.8	83.0
<i>Vernon</i>	77.7	77.1	81.3	83.7	81.1
<i>Washington</i>	74.1	76.3	77.4	75.5	77.5
<i>Webster</i>	68.9	69.2	72.4	79.5	82.0
<i>West Baton Rouge</i>	78.6	82.6	74.8	76.9	79.0
<i>West Carroll</i>	58.6	57.9	58.6	73.4	79.5
<i>West Feliciana</i>	71.3	84.8	78.6	78.7	78.6
<i>Winn</i>	57.4	63.6	73.7	69.6	73.6

*According to modified Kessner index.

Source: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics.



Low Birthweight

A low birthweight infant is defined as an infant weighing less than 2500 grams (5 pounds, 8 ounces) at birth. Preterm infants who have a lower than normal birth weight are at higher risk of experiencing neurological problems, respiratory and gastrointestinal disorders, developmental problems and slowed growth.⁴ Low birthweight infants who survive are more likely than normal weight infants to have brain damage, lung and liver disease, subnormal growth, developmental problems, and other adverse health conditions. The effects of low birthweight follow these infants throughout life, through a greater likelihood of physical, intellectual and behavioral difficulties.⁵ In the long run, higher proportions of low birthweight infants are enrolled in special education classes relative to their normal birthweight counterparts.⁶

In the year 2001, 6,819 of the 65,193 infants born to Louisiana residents were low birthweight babies. This represents 10.5 percent of Louisiana's live births for the year, compared to 7.7 percent born at low birthweight in the United States as a whole. Both Louisiana and the United States have seen an increase in the percentage of infants with low birthweight in recent years.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, Louisiana had the second highest percentage of low birthweight babies in the nation in the year 2001, outranked only by Mississippi.

Percent of Live Births Less Than 2500 Grams Louisiana, Neighboring States, and United States, 2001		
State	Percent of Live Births	National Ranking
Alabama	9.6	3
Arkansas	8.8	9
Louisiana	10.5	2
Mississippi	10.7	1
Texas	7.6	26
United States	7.7	-

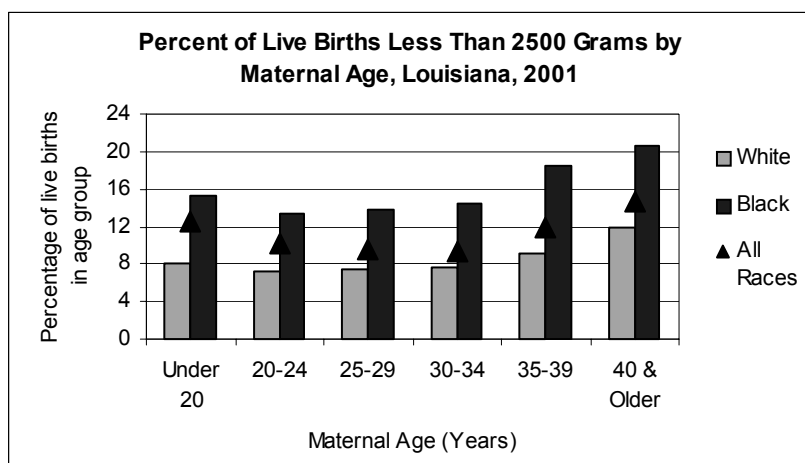
Source: National Center for Health Statistics, Final Birth Data, 2001

In Louisiana, black women gave birth to infants of low birthweight about twice as frequently as white women did, at 14.4 percent compared to 7.7 percent of live births respectively. This discrepancy held true for almost all age groups, excluding women under 15 years of age, where the racial disparity was almost threefold. Black females under 15 years were more likely to have low birthweight babies than white females under 15. Examination of births by age group found that mothers over age 40 years had the highest percentage of low birthweight babies (14.7 percent of live births), followed by mothers under age 20 (12.5 percent).

4 High- Risk Infants. Journal of the American Medical Association. 284 (16) 2142 October 25th 2000.

5 Waldman HB. Perlman SP., Low Birthweight babies grow older, but there could be many problems. Journal of Dentistry for Children. 68 (5-6): 302, 2001 Sep-Dec.

6 Hack M, Klein NK and Taylor HG. Long-term developmental outcomes of low birthweight infants. The Future of Children, Low Birthweight 1995; 5:19-34.



Source: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics

Infants weighing less than 1500 grams (3 pounds, 5 ounces) at birth are considered to be very low birthweight and are at much greater risk of mortality and long-term disability. The risk of early death for very low birthweight infants is about 65 times that of infants who weigh at least 1500 grams.⁷ In the year 2001, 2.3 percent of infants born to Louisiana residents weighed less than 1500 grams, as compared to 1.4 percent of infants born to United States residents. As with infants weighing less than 2500 grams, there were demographic differences in the mothers giving birth to very low birthweight infants. Black mothers gave birth to very low birthweight infants twice as frequently as white mothers did, at 3.7 percent compared to 1.4 percent of live births respectively. Infants born to the youngest and the oldest mothers were more likely to be very low birthweight.

In the year 2001, Madison parish had the highest percentage of low birthweight babies in Louisiana at 15.3 percent of live births, while Tensas parish had the lowest at 3.4 percent of live births. The map on the following page shows the percent of live births that were low birthweight babies in each parish.

7 Ventura SJ, Martin JA, Curtin SC, Mathews TJ. "Report of Final Natality Statistics, 1995." *Monthly Vital Statistics Report*; vol. 45 no 11, suppl. Hyattsville, Maryland: National Center for Health Statistics. 1997.

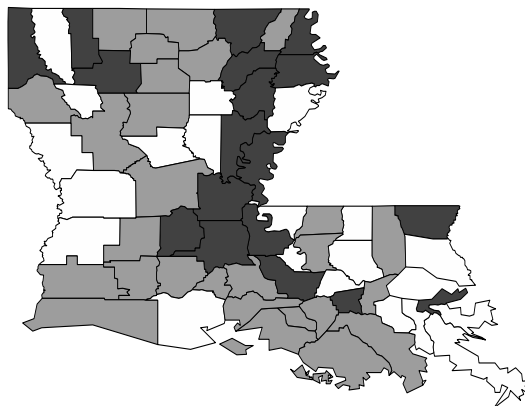


Percent Low Birthweight (<2500 grams or <5 pounds, 8 ounces) Louisiana, 1996-2000 and 1997-2001

YEAR 1996-2000



YEAR 1997-2001

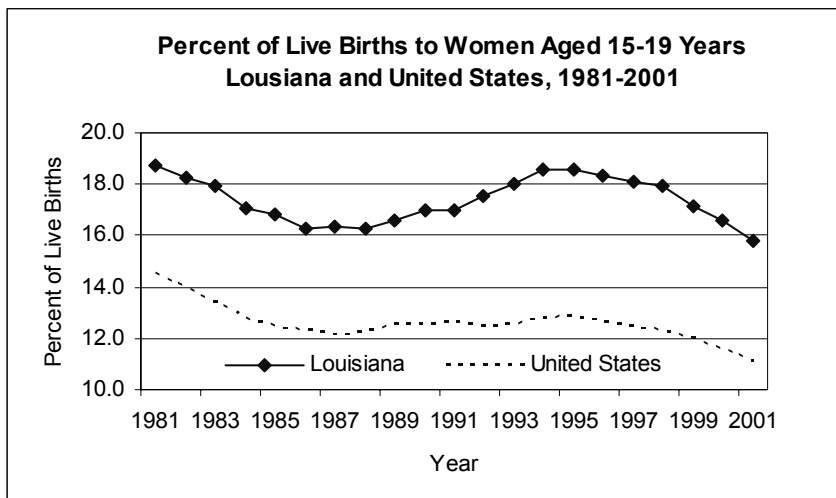




Teen Births

Despite an overall decrease in teen birth rates over the last two decades, teenage pregnancy continues to be a problem for the nation. Teen mothers are less likely to receive adequate prenatal care and are more likely to give birth to low birthweight infants.⁸ Their infants are more likely to be hospitalized and go on to have childhood health problems. National statistics report that most births to teens (78.9 percent) occur outside marriage⁹ and 25 percent of teenage mothers go on to have additional children within the next two years.¹⁰ These factors, combined with the fact that teenage mothers are less likely to finish high school, contribute to the high proportion of women living in poverty who first gave birth during adolescence. During the fiscal years of 1997-1998, Louisiana spent over \$540 million on programs such as the Family Independent Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP), Food Stamps, Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Program, Foster Care and Medicaid to support adolescent pregnancy in Louisiana.¹¹ In contrast, the state spent \$10.3 million in fiscal year 1997-1999 on programs designed to prevent teenage pregnancy.¹²

While the percentage of all live births that occur among women aged 15 -19 years has decreased over the last twenty years nationwide, this percentage has remained consistently higher in Louisiana than in the United States, as illustrated in the graph below. Although both the nation and Louisiana saw an increase in teenage births in the mid-1990s, the number of teenage births as a proportion of all births has been on a downward trend for the last six years.



Source: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics
National Center for Health Statistics, NVSS Reports

8 Lewis CT, Mathews TJ, Heuser RL. *Prenatal Care in the United States, 1980-94*. National Center for Health Statistics. Vital Health Statistics 21(54). 1996.

9 Ventura SJ, Curtin SC, Martin JA, Mathews TJ. "Variations in Teenage Birth Rates, 1991-98." *National Vital Statistics Reports*, vol. 48 no 6. Hyattsville, Maryland: National Center for Health Statistics. 2000.

10 The Alan Guttmacher Institute. *Sex and America's Teenagers*. 1994.

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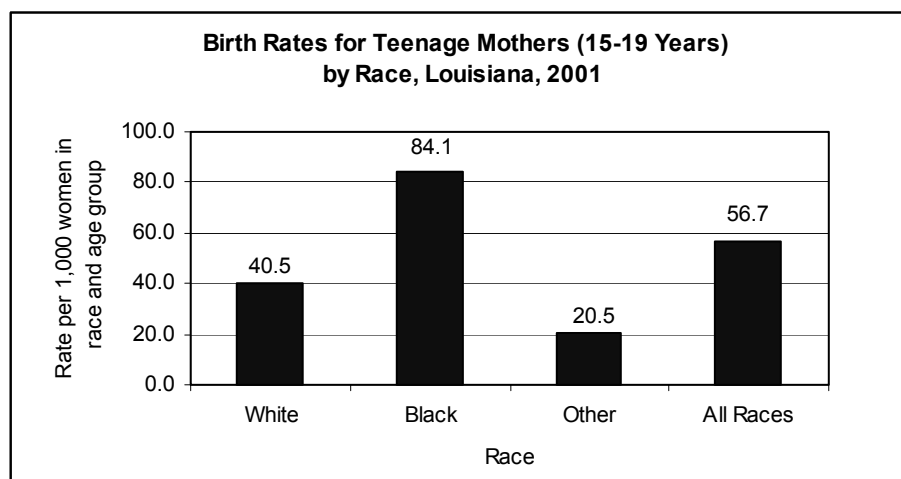
The following table shows teen birth rates for women aged 15 to 19 years in Louisiana and neighboring states. Louisiana has consistently ranked among the top ten states in terms of rate of live births to teens. The year 2001 was no exception. In the region, Louisiana matched Alabama for the ninth highest rate of live births to teens aged 15 to 19 in the nation, a ranking lower than Mississippi, Texas, and Arkansas, which were all in the top five.

Rate of Live Births to Teenage Mothers aged 15-19 Years Louisiana, Neighboring States, and United States, 2001		
State	Rate of Live Births	National Ranking
Alabama	57.8	9
Arkansas	64.2	5
Louisiana	57.8	9
Mississippi	66.7	1
Texas	66.5	2
United States	45.8	-

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, Final Birth Data 2001

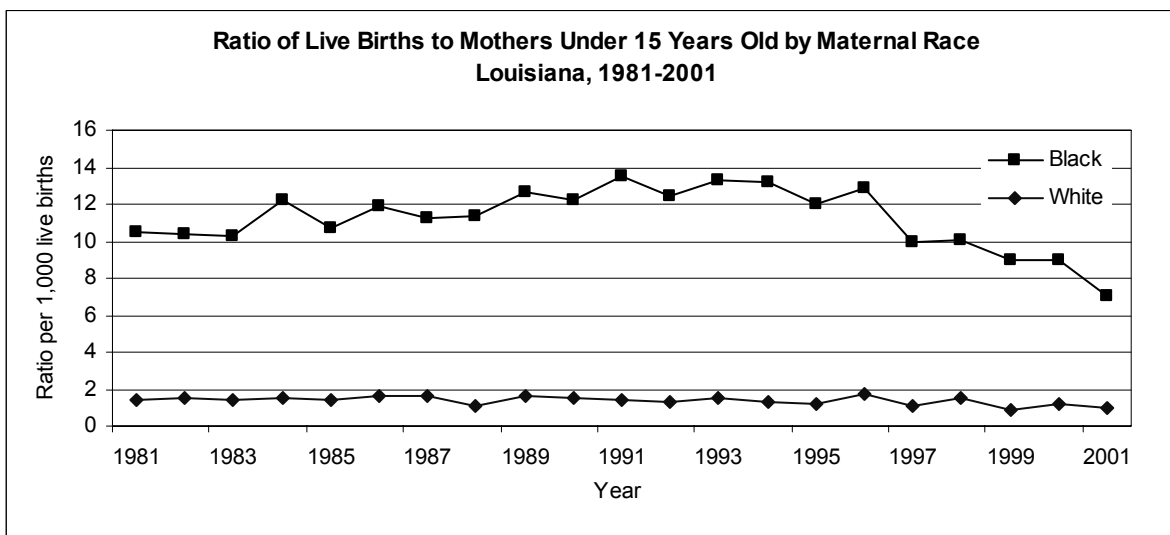
Note: Denominators for population based rates are derived from the 1990 Census

In order to allow meaningful comparisons of births among teens in different race groups, teen birth rates have been calculated by relating the number of teen births in each race group, to the total number of teen women in the same age-race group. In Louisiana, the birth rate for black teenagers aged 15 to 19 in 2001 was more than twice that of white teenagers aged 15 to 19 years, at 44.1 births per 1,000 women compared to 21.3 births per 1,000 women in the respective age and race groups.



Source: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics

While this chapter has focused on births to teenage mothers aged 15 to 19 years, it is important to note that live births do occur among women aged less than 15. There is great racial disparity in the proportion of women giving birth at younger than 15 years of age. Historically, black women are more likely than white women to conceive and deliver an infant before 15 years old as illustrated in the following graph.

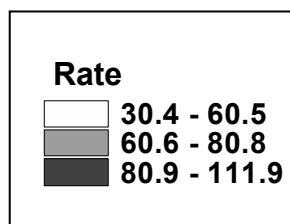
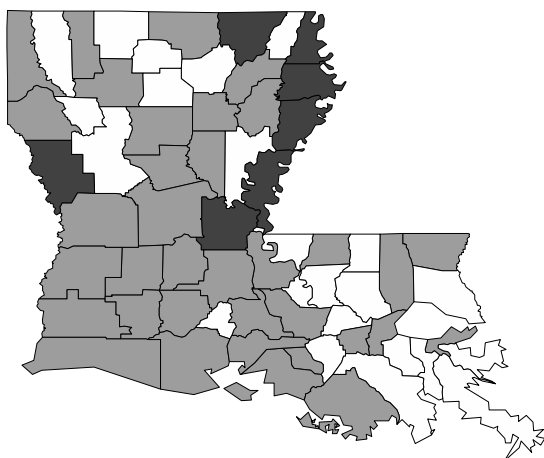


Source: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics
 Note: Mothers less than 8 years of age are not included in this count.

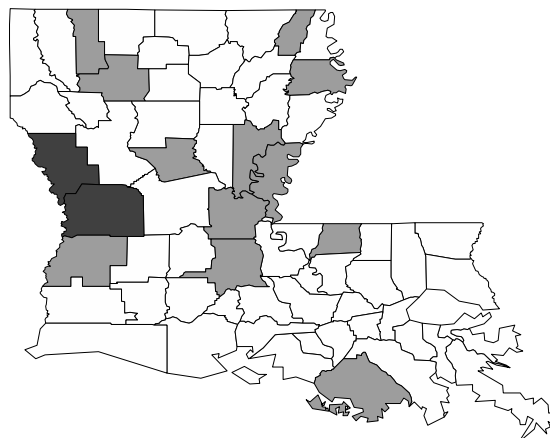
The following map shows teenage birth rates in Louisiana by parish.

Birth Rate per 1,000 Women Ages 15-19 Louisiana, 2000-2001

YEAR 2000



YEAR 2001



Source: Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics
 Denominator of population based rate was derived from 2000 Census



<i>Births by Parish of Residence, Race of Mother, and Selected Characteristics Louisiana, 2001</i>				
<i>Parish</i>	<i>Total Births</i>	<i>Percent with Adequate Prenatal Care+</i>	<i>Percent Low Weight Births (<5lbs, 8oz) 1997-2001</i>	<i>Percent of Births to Women 15-19 Years Old</i>
Louisiana	65193	77.77	10.29	15.79
White	36740	85.74	7.26	11.44
Black	26988	66.86	14.57	22.04
Other	1465	78.92	8.22	9.83
Acadia	905	61.50	10.15	19.78
White	692	67.54	8.17	16.47
Black	212	41.71	16.14	30.66
Other	****	100.00	8.33	0.00
Allen	335	81.63	10.72	14.63
White	250	86.29	8.78	13.20
Black	78	68.83	18.10	17.95
Other	7	57.14	8.57	28.57
Ascension	1360	81.82	8.32	12.06
White	1014	88.79	6.90	8.97
Black	330	60.31	12.73	21.82
Other	16	87.50	2.22	6.25
Assumption	305	77.00	9.95	17.70
White	172	85.80	7.30	13.95
Black	133	65.65	13.67	22.56
Other	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Avoyelles	605	76.31	11.59	21.32
White	379	88.77	7.68	17.15
Black	206	53.54	18.48	28.16
Other	20	68.42	9.76	30.00
Beauregard	404	77.69	8.09	19.06
White	331	81.65	7.27	17.82
Black	67	60.61	12.76	26.87
Other	6	50.00	6.90	0.00
Bienville	184	78.02	12.44	20.65
White	106	81.73	9.43	19.81
Black	78	73.08	16.01	21.79
Other	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bossier	1501	79.81	9.14	13.72
White	1074	87.10	7.37	10.89
Black	391	59.07	14.12	22.25
Other	36	88.89	6.33	5.56
Caddo	3706	71.64	11.87	17.22
White	1563	86.87	7.36	10.62
Black	2100	60.05	15.49	22.33
Other	43	83.72	7.50	6.98
Calcasieu	2708	86.54	10.28	16.69
White	1856	91.42	8.16	13.90
Black	824	75.76	15.20	23.54
Other	28	82.14	8.03	0.00



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Caldwell	127	86.40	6.49	14.17
White	107	86.79	5.17	12.15
Black	17	81.25	12.93	29.41
Other	****	100.00	0.00	0.00
Cameron	105	93.14	9.72	11.43
White	104	94.06	9.61	11.54
Black	****	0.00	14.29	0.00
Other	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Catahoula	125	56.45	12.41	17.60
White	76	76.00	10.72	10.53
Black	49	26.53	15.44	28.57
Other	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Claiborne	164	79.38	10.44	20.73
White	86	91.57	8.23	15.12
Black	77	65.79	12.26	27.27
Other	****	100.00	0.00	0.00
Concordia	268	54.51	16.95	16.79
White	121	75.63	15.31	4.96
Black	142	36.62	18.52	27.46
Other	5	60.00	8.33	0.00
DeSoto	349	73.10	10.84	17.48
White	184	87.22	7.48	14.67
Black	163	57.50	14.27	20.86
Other	****	50.00	20.00	0.00
E. Baton Rouge	5974	78.29	10.69	13.89
White	2624	90.67	6.54	7.05
Black	3191	67.97	14.47	20.09
Other	159	82.58	7.99	2.52
East Carroll	146	66.90	12.07	17.81
White	27	74.07	5.92	14.81
Black	119	65.25	13.56	18.49
Other	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
E. Feliciana	281	73.99	9.50	20.64
White	142	86.96	7.41	16.20
Black	137	60.90	11.64	25.55
Other	****	50.00	14.29	0.00
Evangeline	497	76.80	13.40	18.31
White	309	84.16	9.83	13.92
Black	181	64.04	19.80	25.97
Other	7	83.33	15.38	14.29
Franklin	327	60.87	12.30	23.24
White	160	71.97	9.14	19.38
Black	167	50.30	16.16	26.95
Other	0	0.00	0.00	0.00



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Grant	261	82.95	8.36	17.62
White	225	87.84	8.04	16.44
Black	34	50.00	11.32	26.47
Other	****	100.00	0.00	0.00
Iberia	1165	57.32	9.40	19.14
White	647	68.70	6.62	15.15
Black	479	43.62	13.41	24.63
Other	39	35.90	7.93	17.95
Iberville	511	70.26	11.14	20.35
White	215	83.49	7.92	13.02
Black	294	60.28	13.64	25.85
Other	****	100.00	0.00	0.00
Jackson	223	71.62	10.27	18.83
White	148	81.63	8.23	16.22
Black	74	51.35	14.58	24.32
Other	****	100.00	0.00	0.00
Jefferson	6267	77.60	9.10	12.91
White	3727	83.01	6.78	8.85
Black	2213	67.97	13.59	20.83
Other	327	81.11	8.56	5.50
Jefferson Davis	452	68.97	9.44	17.70
White	359	71.83	7.92	15.04
Black	91	58.24	15.11	28.57
Other	****	50.00	7.41	0.00
Lafayette	2860	87.15	9.50	13.36
White	1896	92.89	6.73	9.39
Black	908	75.06	15.55	22.25
Other	56	89.29	7.92	3.57
Lafourche	1130	83.89	9.45	14.51
White	852	85.41	7.78	11.15
Black	246	77.87	15.68	25.20
Other	32	90.32	8.88	21.88
LaSalle	200	83.84	7.99	20.50
White	181	85.47	6.71	20.99
Black	19	68.42	17.39	15.79
Other	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lincoln	543	69.66	9.30	14.18
White	291	82.52	6.12	8.25
Black	243	53.56	12.59	21.81
Other	9	88.89	2.86	0.00
Livingston	1474	88.90	8.01	12.48
White	1390	89.54	7.51	12.30
Black	78	76.92	15.90	16.67
Other	6	100.00	3.23	0.00



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Madison	215	71.29	14.20	18.14
White	54	88.46	11.15	1.85
Black	161	65.61	15.26	23.60
Other	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Morehouse	463	73.46	11.89	20.95
White	210	80.00	7.49	13.33
Black	251	68.27	15.34	27.49
Other	****	50.00	20.00	0.00
Natchitoches	590	75.39	10.81	22.71
White	266	85.82	8.90	16.92
Black	316	66.45	12.51	26.90
Other	8	85.71	20.00	50.00
Orleans	7233	76.90	13.00	17.39
White	1327	88.26	6.98	4.22
Black	5740	74.13	14.55	20.78
Other	166	82.42	6.94	5.42
Ouachita	2228	82.11	10.19	16.29
White	1231	89.69	6.62	11.86
Black	981	72.69	14.52	22.12
Other	16	75.00	8.33	0.00
Plaquemines	398	78.63	8.51	13.32
White	261	82.17	7.43	11.11
Black	109	67.29	11.67	17.43
Other	28	89.29	4.76	17.86
Pointe Coupee	317	69.61	11.18	16.72
White	152	85.52	7.06	9.87
Black	164	55.00	15.58	23.17
Other	****	100.00	0.00	0.00
Rapides	1884	79.42	10.58	17.46
White	1108	87.44	7.21	14.62
Black	745	67.30	15.57	22.15
Other	31	83.87	9.77	6.45
Red River	132	61.42	9.12	17.42
White	53	86.27	7.14	15.09
Black	79	44.74	11.05	18.99
Other	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Richland	300	82.31	11.20	16.67
White	152	88.00	6.96	8.55
Black	146	76.06	15.72	25.34
Other	****	100.00	14.29	0.00
Sabine	299	81.61	8.97	20.74
White	213	84.04	7.66	20.66
Black	64	71.88	13.26	25.00
Other	22	86.36	8.25	9.09



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St. Bernard	855	82.10	8.49	14.50
White	740	83.15	7.59	13.51
Black	92	71.43	16.71	21.74
Other	23	91.30	6.90	17.39
St. Charles	681	75.67	8.37	13.66
White	444	83.72	6.87	8.78
Black	232	60.70	11.54	23.28
Other	5	60.00	8.57	0.00
St. Helena	126	82.54	7.77	15.87
White	50	84.00	4.38	16.00
Black	76	81.58	10.48	15.79
Other	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
St. James	309	67.33	12.58	12.30
White	118	86.32	7.70	5.08
Black	190	55.14	15.57	16.84
Other	****	100.00	25.00	0.00
St. John	664	64.63	9.92	17.92
White	301	78.79	7.38	11.30
Black	354	52.71	12.39	23.73
Other	9	62.50	2.27	11.11
St. Landry	1363	68.00	11.16	19.15
White	656	80.67	7.45	14.02
Black	704	56.12	14.78	24.01
Other	****	66.67	21.05	0.00
St. Martin	741	80.60	10.71	18.35
White	439	90.76	8.31	14.58
Black	293	65.86	14.29	24.23
Other	9	66.67	6.00	11.11
St. Mary	773	68.96	9.83	17.72
White	453	76.80	7.09	15.23
Black	296	58.13	14.48	21.28
Other	24	54.17	6.00	20.83
St. Tammany	2695	84.80	7.50	10.20
White	2265	87.55	6.63	8.57
Black	396	70.69	12.60	19.44
Other	34	66.67	7.61	11.76
Tangipahoa	1582	81.41	10.32	17.13
White	926	88.09	6.78	10.69
Black	643	71.45	15.40	26.59
Other	13	92.31	15.87	7.69
Tensas	88	49.43	8.91	14.77
White	25	76.00	5.92	12.00
Black	63	38.71	10.26	15.87
Other	0	0.00	0.00	0.00



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Terrebonne	1694	78.67	10.31	16.59
White	1163	80.66	8.33	13.59
Black	360	76.99	16.51	21.39
Other	171	68.64	10.56	26.90
Union	333	71.52	9.59	16.52
White	228	81.42	7.46	12.72
Black	104	49.51	13.18	25.00
Other	****	100.00	25.00	0.00
Vermilion	815	82.98	8.15	13.01
White	643	86.01	6.65	11.04
Black	149	69.86	14.16	21.48
Other	23	82.61	5.83	13.04
Vernon	984	81.07	6.90	14.43
White	722	81.98	5.97	15.37
Black	209	76.96	9.83	12.92
Other	53	84.62	8.79	7.55
Washington	645	77.48	11.22	19.22
White	390	84.64	8.49	16.92
Black	252	66.13	15.40	23.02
Other	****	100.00	12.50	0.00
Webster	552	82.02	12.03	18.12
White	333	89.94	8.30	17.42
Black	217	69.77	17.37	19.35
Other	****	100.00	27.27	0.00
W. Baton Rouge	280	78.99	8.76	14.29
White	176	89.60	6.06	10.80
Black	102	61.39	12.65	20.59
Other	****	50.00	0.00	0.00
West Carroll	173	79.53	9.53	19.65
White	149	82.31	7.71	16.11
Black	24	62.50	16.07	41.67
Other	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
W. Feliciana	120	78.63	6.68	15.00
White	63	98.36	3.31	4.76
Black	57	57.14	10.44	26.32
Other	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Winn	199	73.60	9.89	19.10
White	121	81.51	5.70	16.53
Black	77	61.04	16.46	23.38
Other	****	100.00	50.00	0.00

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